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Transmitted herewith for filing is the [X] Utility [] Design patent application of:

Inventor/Application Identifier: Katsushi SAITO et al.

For: FLEXIBLE RESIN BOOT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT

Enclosed are:

- [X] 3 sheets of drawings ([X] formal [] informal size A4).
- [X] 53 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.
- [X] 56 total pages
- [] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney
 - [] Newly executed
 - [] Copy from prior application
 - [] Inventors deleted; see attached statement
 - [X] Inventor Information Sheet
- [] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
- [] Sequence Listing
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Japan Patent Appln. No. 11-223732, filed August 6, 1999

Japan Patent Appln. No. 11-313676, filed November 4, 1999

Japan Patent Appln. No. 11-373377, filed December 28, 1999

Japan Patent Appln. No. 2000-138903, filed May 11, 2000.

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☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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